

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 42 (currently amended): An assist device for a door handle , said assist device comprising:

an elongated bar;

one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about a pivot means;  
the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to receive a piece  
therein;

wherein said piece is attached to said handle, projects outwardly

from said handle, in use is immovable relative to said handle, and is  
not as wide as said handle; the engagement of the piece and the handle  
creating stop surfaces for the bar as said piece is introduced into the bar/;  
and wherein said pivot means secures said bar to a u-shaped bracket.

Claim 43 (cancelled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): The assist device of claim ~~43~~ 42, wherein said bar near the pivot  
area rests entirely within said bracket.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said pivot means  
consists of a long inside threaded bolt which passes through  
said bracket and said bar, and a short outside threaded bolt  
which is screwed into said long bolt.

Claim 46 (currently amended): An assist device for a door handle, said assist device comprising;

an elongated bar;

one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about

a pivot means;

the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to

receive a piece therein;

wherein said piece is attached to said handle, projects

outwardly from said handle, in use is immovable relative

to said handle, and is not as wide as said handle; the

engagement of the piece and the handle creating

stop surfaces for the bar as said piece is introduced

into the bar;

~~Claim 46 (new): The assist device of claim 42/~~ and wherein said piece is sturdily secured to said handle with two nuts and bolts.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The assist device of claim ~~43~~ 42, wherein said bracket is sturdily secured to a door or door support with at least two screws.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The assist device of claim ~~43~~ 42, wherein said pivot means passes through the top part of said bar and through the top part of said u-shaped bracket.

Claim 49 (cancelled)

Claim 50 (cancelled)

Claim 51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (cancelled)

Claim 53 (currently amended): An assist device for a door handle, said assist device comprising:

an elongated bar;

one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about a pivot means;

the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to receive a  
piece;

said piece not as wide as said handle, projecting from said  
handle, fastened to said handle and in use immovable relative to said  
handle;

the engagement of the piece and handle creating stop surfaces for

the bar as the piece is introduced into the bar/; and

said pivot means secures a bar end to a u-shaped bracket.

Claim 54 (cancelled)

Claim 55 (cancelled)

Claim 56 (currently amended): The assist device of claim ~~55~~ 53, wherein said bar  
near said pivot means rests entirely within said bracket.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The assist device of claim 56, wherein said pivot means passes  
through the top part of said bar and through the top part of  
said u-shaped bracket.

Claim 58 (previously presented): An assist device for a door handle, said assist device

comprising:

an elongated hollow bar;

one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about a  
pivot pin;

the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to receive a  
piece therein;

said pivot pin securing said bar to a u-shaped bracket;

said pivot pin comprising a long inside threaded hollow bolt

which passes through a top part of said bar and a top part  
of said bracket, and a short outside threaded bolt screwed  
into said long bolt;

said piece secured to said handle by two nuts and two bolts,

projects from said handle and is not as wide as said handle;

the engagement of the piece and handle creating stop

surfaces for the bar as the piece is introduced into  
the bar;

said piece, bracket and bar being substantially axially

aligned along a longitudinal axis.